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# **State Route 52** (SR-125 to SR-67)

# OVERALL GOALS

- Reduce traffic congestion on I-8 and local arterials
- Increase traffic capacity of the regional transportation system
- Provide direct access between East County communities and job centers to the west and north
- Major link in regional transportation network, known as the inner-loop, which consists of SR-52 to SR-125 to SR-54 back to I-5

### ■ THE PROJECT

The project will construct 4 miles of four-lane freeway in the City of Santee from SR-125 to SR-67. It will include new roadway, bridges, and interchanges at Fanita Drive, Cuyamaca Street and Magnolia Avenue. Currently SR-52 terminates at SR-125. This extension to the east completes the last segment of the proposed route.

# TRAFFIC

The completion of SR-52 to SR-67 is critical in that it provides an important link in regional traffic circulation plans. By the year 2025, the segment will carry approximately 110,000 vehicles a day. It will also reduce some of the heavy traffic burden now carried by adjacent local roads.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The environmental clearance was addressed as part of the EIS prepared and approved for the corridor in 1989. Caltrans will prepare an environmental re-evaluation of the project to ensure the there are no new significant issues.

### FUNDS

Caltrans is currently in the process of updating the estimate to account for the recent increases in real estate values, and recent construction material cost increases. The last estimate was approximately \$333 million. The right of way portion of that estimate was about \$182 million. Current programmed funding comes from a number of Federal, State and local sources including TransNet.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Right of way acquisition for the portion from SR-125 to Cuyamaca Street has been completed. Right of way acquisition for the portion between Cuyamaca Street and SR-67 is now underway

Contingent on funding, we expect that the remaining right of way will be acquired and relocations completed by mid-2008. An approximately 3-year construction phase would begin in early 2009.

#### CONTACT

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